

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-3.

Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Claims 5 and 6 as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in alternate only.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending Claims 5 and 6 to remove the multiple dependency so that Claims 5 and 6 are now merely dependent on Claim 3. In addition, Applicants are adding new Claims 9 and 11 which are merely the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 dependent on Claim 4 (which is consistent with the original claims).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been overcome, and it is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner rejects Claims 2 and 4-8 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakada (US 5,393,614). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, independent Claim 2 recites the features of "An electron *injecting* material represented by a general formula (2)..." (emphasis added) while independent Claim 4 recites the features "*a* layer including a phenanthroline derivative represented by a general formula (3) and at

least one element selected from alkali metals and alkali-earth metals...” (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that Nakada does not disclose or suggest these claimed features.

Therefore, independent Claims 2 and 4 are not disclosed or suggested by Nakada, and Claims 2, 4 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over Nakada. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are adding new dependent Claims 9-11. As these are dependent claims, they are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, , it is respectfully requested that these new claims be entered and allowed.

No fee is believed due for these new claims. If a fee should be due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Conclusion

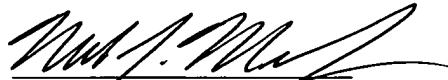
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment and/or the new claims, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Murphy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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